

Box 208 • 200 3rd Ave. West, Grand, Wisc 54736 • 715-672-789

RECEIVED

NOV 01 1999

COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
THE SECRETARY

MM 99-25 1111

RECEIVED

ORIGINAL

JUN 23 2 02 PM '99
OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN
WRDN

The Honorable William Kennard
Chairman F.C.C.
445 12th Street SW
Washington DC 20554

EX PARTE OR LATE FILED

Dear Chairman Kennard and Commissioners

I am writing to voice my objections to the proposed class of Low Power FM stations. I operate a Class A (Channel 240) that's currently short spaced with another class A Channel 240 in Faribault Minnesota. In western Wisconsin, the only communities that do not get adequate broadcast service from the current spectrum are communities that are tucked behind hills and bluffs, where FM's "line of sight" transmission cannot reach because of the natural blocking affect of the terrain.

I am concerned that if current interference standards are relaxed to accommodate the new low power class of FM stations, the increased interference will diminish the service the current spectrum is providing. This could create more problems than it solves.

I am also concerned about policing these new stations and how your staff can possibly handle the complaints these new low power stations will cause to existing stations.

Just because 13 to 15 thousand people want to own radio stations is not a good reason to create this new class of stations. If 13 to 15 thousand current broadcasters wanted to serve on the FCC, would congress create 13 to 15 thousand new posts on the commission? Or if 13 to 15 thousand people wanted to serve in congress, would congress create 13 to 15 thousand new congressional seats, or 13 to 15 thousand new senate seats?

I hope you will consider the integrity of the current spectrum and search for another solution to solve the problems of communities that feel they are not getting the broadcast service they want or need.

Thanking you for your dedication to our profession and for considering my feeling on this matter.

Sincerely

Gene Kirchner
General Manager WRDN

No. of Copies rec'd 04
List ABCDE